Plans of National Fisheries Development Board

274. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Fisheries Development Board would spearhead a Rs. 2,100 crores fisheries project for better production of fishes;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan under this product to develop better quality/quantity marine fish production in the coastal region of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) to (b) Yes, Sir. The National Fisheries Development Board has been registered under the Andhra Pradesh Societies Registration Act 2001, to bring the major activities relating to Fisheries and Aquaculture for focused attention and professional management. A tentative provision of Rs. 2100 crores has been approved for the Board for a period of 6 years from 2006-07 onwards.

(c) The Board shall coordinate activities pertaining to fisheries undertaken by different Ministries/Departments in the Central Govt, and also work in close coordination with the State/Union Territories Governments to improve production, processing, storage, transport and marketing of the products of capture and culture fisheries. Assistance under the various approved activities of the Board can be availed by all the State Governments including Orissa based on the merits of the proposal.

Cultivation of mustard

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DR MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sowing work during 2006-07 for production of mustard under the rabi crop has been done on less land in comparison to last year;

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